



JUMP START YOUR SPRING PLANTING

With cost-share grants for manure injection and incorporation

Farmers: If you fertilize your crop fields with manure or are thinking about making the switch to manure to help improve your soil, increase yields, and save on commercial fertilizer costs, here's good news.

Grants ranging from \$10 to \$55 an acre are available to help cover costs associated with incorporating or injecting all types of animal manure or other eligible organic products into cropland. Farmers who import manure or other organic nutrient sources for use on cropland that they own or rent may apply for grants as well. While transportation costs are not cost-shared through this program, grants to haul manure are available to eligible farms through the Manure Transport Program.

Maryland's revised nutrient management regulations require farmers to inject or incorporate manure and other organic nutrient sources into the soil within 48 hours of application. This program is designed to help farmers comply with this environmental requirement while making the most of manure resources.

Participation is limited to farmers who have not used eligible equipment for incorporation or injection of manure from October 15, 2007 to October 15, 2012

Sign-Up
Ongoing at soil conservation district (SCD) offices until all funds are fully committed.

Acreage Limits
None.

- Guidelines and Conditions**
- ✎ Injection or incorporation of organic nutrient sources must be performed within 48 hours of application.
 - ✎ Applications will be approved on a first come, first served basis.
 - ✎ Applicants must be in good standing with the Maryland Agricultural Water Quality Cost-Share (MACS) Program and in compliance with the Nutrient Management Program.
 - ✎ Cost-share applications must be approved prior to application and injection or incorporation of organic nutrient sources.
 - ✎ Contract must be implemented by June 2, 2014 and all claims for payment must be received by MDA by June 10, 2014.
 - ✎ Other restrictions apply.

Manure Injection and Incorporation Cost-Share Payment Scale

Manure Practice	Cost-Share Rate
Manure injection equipment rented or purchased on or after October 15, 2012 along with services performed by a hired custom operator	Up to \$55 per acre
Vertical tillage equipment rented or purchased on or after October 15, 2012 along with services performed by a hired custom operator	Up to \$20 per acre
Vertical tillage equipment purchased before October 15, 2012	\$10 per acre
Secondary tillage equipment (disks, Phillips Rotary Harrow)	\$10 per acre

